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Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits and responsive to the final Office Action dated July 23, 2007, Applicants respectfully request examination of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently with this submission. Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time with the appropriate fee to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.